

HOUSE BILL 1030

By Thompson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,  
Chapter 7, relative to the Tennessee Election Day  
Registration Act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 7, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) This act is known and may be cited as the "Tennessee Election Day  
Registration Act."

(b) The purpose of this act is to:

(1) Allow qualified voters to register to vote up to and on election day;

and

(2) Remove barriers to participation in the political process and make  
voting and registration more convenient and accessible by allowing qualified  
voters to register to vote up to and on election day.

(c) Notwithstanding § 2-2-109 or any law to the contrary, a person eligible to  
vote in an election under this title may register to vote and vote on any day of early  
voting or on election day for a primary, general, or runoff election by completing and  
submitting to an election official a voter registration application form, which must be  
made available at all polling places by county election commissions. To obtain a voter  
registration application form, the eligible person shall provide a valid driver license or  
photo identification card, and other proof of eligibility as may be prescribed in rules  
promulgated by the secretary of state.

(d) A person who is already registered to vote and who remains eligible to vote in this state may update or correct outdated information in the person's voting record on any day of early voting or on election day on a form prescribed by the secretary of state.

(e) A person who registers to vote under subsection (c) or updates the person's voter information under subsection (d) must be permitted to vote a regular ballot.

(f) The secretary of state shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, prescribing the procedure by which a person may register to vote and update the person's voter information under this section. Rules promulgated under this subsection (f) must specify the forms of identification and other proof of eligibility that may be presented for purposes of voting under this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law for the purposes of promulgating rules, the public welfare requiring it. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021, for all other purposes, the public welfare requiring it.